

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Reissue Application of

Francois MALLET et al.

Serial No.:

Reissue Application of U.S. Patent No. 5,817,465 issued October 6, 1998 (U.S. Patent

Application Serial No. 08/825,617 filed March 31, 1997)

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For:

RNA AMPLIFICATION METHOD REQUIRING ONLY ONE MANIPULATION STEP

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date or the date of filing a CPA, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- The references were cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in U.S.
 Patent Application Serial No. 08/825,617 of which this application is a reissue. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d).

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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

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The present Reissue Application is based on U.S. Patent No. <u>5,817,465</u>, which issued from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. <u>08/825,617</u> filed <u>March 31, 1997</u>.

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application filed in the following foreign country is hereby requested for the above-identified reissue patent application, and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. §119 is hereby claimed:

French Patent Application No. 92-05322, filed April 29, 1992.

In support of this claim, a certified copy of said original foreign application was filed in parent U.S. Patent Application No. <u>08/412,229</u> filed <u>March 27, 1995</u>, which is a continuation of <u>08/053,498</u> filed <u>April 29, 1993</u> and acknowledged by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 17, 1998 in U.S. Patent Application No. <u>08/825,617</u>.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §119 have been fulfilled and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of this document.

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